THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The steps already taken and being contemplated in this regard include improvement of airline services, signing of a number of bilateral air agreements, introduction of air taxi scheduled airlines operations, liberalised economic policies for attracting foreign investment in the tourism sector, strengthening of marketing efforts in traditional markets and development of new markets, improvement of infrastructural facilities etc.

Birds hit incident involving Paris-bound boeing aircraft

3933. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paris-bound Air-India Boeing was involved in a bird hit recently; and

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to avoid bird hits to the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken to avoid bird hits to aircraft:—

(i) Airfield environment Management Committees have been established at airports to monitor the implementation of measures to control bird menance.

(ii) Officials of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in association with the airport authorities, airlines and municipal and health authorities periodically carry out joint surveys of the areas surrounding major aiports to identify the sources of bird attraction, suggest remedial measures and detect instances of violation of laws and regulations.

(iii) Prosecution is initiated under Aircraft Rules against persons indulging in deskinning of dead animals and slaughtering of animals and disposal of garbage in the open which attract birds in the vicinity of the aerodrome.

(iv) Proper disposal of food wastes and garbage originating from flight kitchens and aircraft inside the aerodrome is ensured.

(v) Levelling of airfield operational area, removal of wild vegetation, provision of proper drainage and pigeon proofing of hangars inside the aerodromes, etc. are undertaken.

भोपाल हवाई अड्डे का विकास

6934. श्री रामजी : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भोपाल (बैरागढ़) स्थित हवाई अड्डे के विकास की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की निम्नलिखित कार्य करने की योजनायें हैं:—

(1) टर्मिनल भवन का निर्माण और आधुनिकीकरण

(2) डॉप्लर अति उच्च आवृत्ति सर्वपरास का संस्थापन